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SUBJ: EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA: A NEW LIST OF APPROVALS

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1. ON JUNE 18, CONSOFF MET WITH MFA CONSULAR DIRECTORATE OFFICIALS ION LOGHIN AND STELIAN MATEI, AND WAS GIVEN LIST OF 82 CASES - INVOLVING 242 PERSONS - WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR IMMIGRATION TO US. THIS IS LARGEST SINGLE LIST PRESENTED TO EMBASSY TO DATE. BREAKDOWN FOLLOWS:

A. APPROVALS FOR 15 EOA

R NATIONAL CASES AND FAMILIES

TOTALING 50 PERSONS APPEARING EMBASSY'S MARCH 1 REPLIST.

B. APPROVALS FOR 20 IV CASES TOTALING 40 PERSONS ON SAME LIST.

C. APPROVAL FOR 3 IV CASES TOTALING 11 PERSONS FOR WHO EMBASSY SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTES.

D. APPROVAL FOR 44 MISCELLANEOUS CASES TOTALING 132 PERSONS IN EMBASSY'S NON-PREFERENCE CATEGORY, OR FOR WHOM IV PETITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED SINCE MARCH, 1975.

2. MFA OFFICIALS PROMISED MORE APPROVALS TO COME, AND ASSURED EMBASSY, FOR FIRST TIME, THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE INORDINATE DELAY BETWEEN APPROVAL FOR IMMIGRATION AND ACTUAL
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ISSUANCE OF ROMANIAN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO THOSE GRANTED

DEPARTURE.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE BY SEPTTEL DETAILED LIST OF APPROVED CASES FOR WHICH THERE HAS BEEN CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST SO DEPARTMENT MAY APPRISE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS OF THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

4. EMBASSY IS CONTACTING EACH APPROVED APPLICANT IMMEDIATELY, URGING HIM TO GO TO LOCAL ROMANIAN PPT. OFFICE FOR PRECESSING, AND ADVISE US IF HE ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES.

5. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA ALSO TOLD AMBASSADOR JUNE 18 THAT CONSOFF MEETING WOULD HOPEFULLY RESOLVE MOST OF OUTSTANDING US REQUESTS AND THAT IN PREPARATION FOR IT RESEARCH HAD BEEN DONE ON US LISTS GOING BACK TO TIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1969 VISIT. WE ARE REVIEWING STILL UNRESOLVED CASES AND SEEKING EARLY STATUS REPORT FROM MFA ON THEM.
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